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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR/INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT : Speaker for Air War College

REFERENCE: Letter of 6 February 1952 to DCI from General Edwards

1. O/NE's principal expert on the "trends or indications of future Soviet actions and intent" is [redacted] I think he would do an excellent job in lecturing on this subject. Another possibility is [redacted] who is newer at the game but is an experienced university lecturer and could certainly do a competent job.

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2. However, from my own past experience I would doubt whether the Air War College would be receptive to men who did not have high rank and reputation in the outside world. Nevertheless, I am reluctant to nominate any member of the Board for two reasons: (a) No present member is nearly as expert on the subject as Messrs. [redacted] (b) The Board is already pressed very hard and would feel keenly the loss of a member to prepare and deliver the lecture.

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3. If I may go outside CIA's assigned staff I would suggest [redacted] He is extremely interested in the subject and possesses a very definite point of view. It should be recognized, however, that [redacted] rates Soviet capabilities lower than many other observers and lower than Air Force Intelligence tends to do. This cuts both ways on his desirability.

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